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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO FRG'S REPLY TO SOVIET  
STATEMENT OF MAY 22

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1. GENERAL-ANZEIGER (GA)  
REPORTED ON JULY 1 REACTION TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S  
REPLY TO THE SOVIET DECLARATION. GA REPORTED THAT THE  
GERMAN REPLY HAD MET WITH CRITICISM IN PARTS OF THE  
SPD, ESPECIALLY THE PASSAGES IN WHICH THE FEDERAL  
GOVERNMENT OUTLINES ITS VIEWS CONCERNING A "REALISTIC  
POLICY OF DETENTE." IT LOOKED AS IF SOME LEADING SPD  
POLITICIANS, INCLUDING PARTY CHAIRMAN WILLY BRANDT,  
WOULD HAVE PREFERRED MORE CONCILIATORY FORMULATIONS IN  
THESE PASSAGES, ACCORDING TO THE GA.

2. THE OPPOSITION, ON THE OTHER HAND, SEEMED TO BE  
LARGELY AGREEABLE TO THE TEXT OF THE GERMAN REPLY,  
PARTICULARLY TO THE PASSAGES IN WHICH THE FEDERAL  
GOVERNMENT DEALS WITH THE BERLIN PROBLEM AND WITH THE  
SOVIET ATTEMPT TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN PRO-DETENTE  
AND ANTI-DETENTE FORCES IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC.

3. OTHER TYPICAL PRESS COMMENT ON JULY 2

FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE: "...MORE THAN ENOUGH WORDS  
HAVE BEEN EXCHANGED BETWEEN BONN AND MOSCOW. (SOVIET)  
GOOD WILL SHOULD NOW BE DEMONSTRATED BY DEEDS.  
OCCASIONS FOR DOING SO CERTAINLY WILL ARISE IN BERLIN."

SUEDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG: "...(BONN'S REPLY TO THE SOVIET  
DECLARATION) LISTS FOUR POINTS WHICH ARE CONSIDERED BY  
THE WEST AS BASIC CONDITIONS AND AS A TOUCHSTONE FOR  
CONTINUING THE POLICY OF DETENTE: VIABILITY OF WEST  
BERLIN, MAINTAINING THE MILITARY BALANCE, NO SEEKING  
OF UNILATERAL ADVANTAGES AT THE EXPENSE OF THE OTHER  
SIDE, NO CHANGE IN THE BALANCE OF FORCES BY INTERVENTION  
IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. THE REPLY IS BASED ON  
EXPERIENCES OF RECENT YEARS, KISSINGER'S HANDWRITING IS  
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EASILY DISCERNIBLE...."

FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU: "...BONN'S REPLY CERTAINLY IS  
NOT WEAK. EVEN THE OPPOSITION PARTIES HAVE FOUND SOME  
PRAISE FOR IT. BOTH SIDES HAVE OUTLINED THEIR POSITIONS  
QUITE FIRMLY."

DIE WELT: "... (THE REPLY) IS COUCHED IN SOBER

LANGUAGE OF REALISM. REJECTING SOVIET  
MISINTERPRETATIONS, THE BONN GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHED  
SOLID LANDMARKS IN THE FIELD OF DETENTE, LANDMARKS MOSCOW  
WILL FIND INCONVENIENT.

4. COMMENT: THE REPLY'S EMPHASIS ON REALISTIC,  
PRAGMATIC DETENTE, COUPLED WITH A DECLARATION OF  
WILLINGNESS TO SEEK IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH THE USSR,  
APPEARS TO HAVE INITIALLY CAPTURED THE CENTER POSITION  
IN THE BONN POLITICAL SPECTRUM.  
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